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TO : Department of State

INFO : Cairo, Alexandria

FROM : Port Said

DATE: June 10, 1964

SUBJECT: Cassius Clay Makes One-Day Visit to Port Said, Ismailia

REF : 1

World heavyweight champion, Cassius (Mohammed Aly) Clay made a one-day surprise visit to Port Said and Ismailia July 9. His entourage filled five sedans.

Governorate officials were not informed of Clay's coming until after he had left Cairo. They were not able to make more than hasty preparations for his visit. They believed that Clay came here on his own initiative.

Clay and his party visited the 1956 War Memorial and Victory Museum and were given a launch tour of Port Said harbor. They were received by Port Said Governor Emad ad-Din Roushdy in his office and had lunch at the Suez Canal Authority's Port Said headquarters in the private dining room. Governor Roushdy presented Clay the Port Said medal and a copper and silver tray. Clay also received a silver tray later in the day from Major General Mustafa Hassan, Ismailia's Director of Security (the governor is in the United States), while visiting that city.

At the War Memorial Clay was shown a film depicting the 1956 attack on Port Said. The not too reliable Egyptian Gazette quoted him as saying that the U. S. press tried to make it appear as an Arab aggression against Israel and an attempt by Israel to defend itself against this aggression. "I have now understood the truth about the battle. I now know that it was an aggression against you. I wish such an aggression would take place now and I should have been pleased to fight on your side and under your flag."

COMMENT. The film that was shown Clay includes clips of street scenes after the invasion was over. Most of the action shots are excerpts from World War II movies and many show planes with Japanese insignia.

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TO : Department of State  
INFO: AmEmb Accra

FROM : AmEmb MOGADISCIO

SUBJECT: Extremist Remarks of Cassius Clay Published in Corriere della Somalia  
REF : Embtel 760 and A-605, May 19, 1964.

DATE: May 22, 1964

The Embassy forwards a translation from the Italian of an AFP dispatch on the remarks of Cassius Clay, which appeared in the May 21 issue of the Corriere della Somalia. Clay is traveling in the company of Malcolm X, leader of the Black Muslims, on a visit to Ghana. Analogous remarks by Malcolm X previously appeared in an AFP Accra dispatch on the front page of the Corriere (see A-605).

"Statement of Cassius Clay at Accra  
Accra, 20 (AFP)

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"I believe that the programs of integration are useless," stated Tuesday the heavy-weight champion of the world, the negro-American Cassius Clay during a press conference held at Accra. "People are killed, children are shot down, even in churches, and for 410 years whites and negroes have not been able to show themselves together because in the United States the self-appointed master doesn't want his slave to be his equal."

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"We don't want integration, we want separation," concluded Clay.

"The civil rights bill", concluded the negro boxer, "is a swindle which won't change the hearts of the slave-trading masters."

For the Charge<sup>d</sup>'Affaires, a.i.  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 2/28/66

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr. *AFM*

SUBJECT: CASSIUS CLAY  
NATION OF ISLAM

Cassius Clay, heavyweight boxing champion, is a self-admitted member of the Nation of Islam. Recent newspaper reports state Clay may attempt to avoid being drafted into the Army by reason of his membership in the Nation of Islam, claiming to be a conscientious objector.

As a matter of possible interest, Mr. John Starkey, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army, advised that membership in the Nation of Islam, per se, is no bar to induction into the Armed Forces. Starkey added in those cases where members of the Nation of Islam are inducted into the Armed Forces, their files are annotated to preclude their gaining any security clearance.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM  
IS - NOI

DATE: 4-27-66

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau and SACs Louisville  
and Miami, 4/26/66.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 13 copies  
of a letterhead memorandum and five copies of a blind memo-  
randum; and for Louisville, Miami and New York two, two and  
one copies, respectively, of a letterhead memorandum relating  
to activities of CASSIUS CLAY and the NOI.

The sources utilized in the letterhead memorandum  
are [redacted] and [redacted]

11 - Bureau (Enclosures 18) (REGISTERED) Classified by SP3813090  
1 - 105-54775 (HERBERT MUHAMMAD) Declassify on: GADR 8-7-86  
1 - 100-436351 (CASSIUS CLAY) 269871  
1 - 105-33561 (JOHN ALI)  
1 - 105-140248 (MICHAEL DE FREITAS)  
1 - 105-150699 (ROOPNARAYAN SAWH)  
2 - Louisville (Enclosures 2) (Info.) (REGISTERED)  
1 - 100-4558 (CASSIUS CLAY)  
1 - 100- [redacted]  
2 - Miami (105-544) (Enclosures 2) (Info.) (REGISTERED) b6  
1 - 100- [redacted] b7C  
1 - New York (105-7809) (Enclosure 1) (Info.) (REGISTERED) b7D  
10 - Chicago  
1 - [redacted] 100-436351-  
1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)  
1 - 100-37886 (JOHN ALI)  
1 - 100-31166 (HERBERT MUHAMMAD)  
1 - 100-40911 (CASSIUS CLAY)  
1 - 100- [redacted] NOT RECORDED  
1 - 166-545 (FELIX ALDERISIO)  
1 - 105-21466 (MICHAEL DE FREITAS)  
1 - 105-21465 (ROOPNARAYAN SAWH)  
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The letterhead memorandum is classified "secret" as information attributed to [ ] could easily result in his identification if divulged.

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Reference is made to Chicago teletype to the Director and SACs Louisville and Miami dated 4/22/66 setting forth information regarding a possible world tour by CASSIUS CLAY after his fight in London May 21 next.

[ ] on 4/26/66 advised as follows:

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD approved a tour of Asian-African countries by CASSIUS CLAY and instructed HERBERT MUHAMMAD to make appropriate arrangements. As of this date there is no indication that HERBERT MUHAMMAD has followed this matter through. It now appears CLAY will return to the United States after the fight although it is possible he may go to Cairo, Egypt, with HERBERT. At present, emphasis centers around obtaining a title fight with ERNIE TERRELL and HERBERT has discussed the matter with BEN BENTLEY, a Chicago promoter. It is hoped a September match can be arranged. HERBERT claims BENTLEY owns fifteen percent of TERRELL. As of this date [ ] will not go to London with CASSIUS and is no longer going to be a sparring partner for CASSIUS. ANGELO DUNDEE, CLAY's manager, wants [ ] but CASSIUS himself feels [ ] is not "right in the head." Insofar as the NOI is concerned, [ ] is a "real nut" and a fanatic. The above ouster of [ ] has been discussed with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and MUHAMMAD agrees..

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JOHN ALI and HERBERT MUHAMMAD have been given free transportation to London and are scheduled to fly on Air India.

The Chicago Office at this time is not contemplating contact with Air India as such a contact could easily expose [ ]

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 4/25/66 that [redacted] was in contact with HERBERT MUHAMMAD. HERBERT stated [redacted] wants to take [redacted] and [redacted] with him when he goes to [redacted] HERBERT stated he received this information from [redacted] and added [redacted] wanted HERBERT to call him back and tell him what to tell [redacted].

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HERBERT continued [redacted] stated he thinks it is not good for [redacted] to be [redacted] as he tends to [redacted] HERBERT continued [redacted] wants to see something come up so [redacted] cannot go.

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HERBERT stated he wants [redacted] to see the Messenger and get him to issue instructions to the effect [redacted] cannot go to [redacted] and has to stay here. HERBERT continued the group will not pay for [redacted], nor for [redacted] HERBERT stated he wants to have the Messenger issue instructions directly to [redacted] to the effect he is needed at his post and should not go [redacted] HERBERT continued this would mean he, HERBERT, would not be involved at all. HERBERT stated he likewise does not think it is necessary for [redacted] to take [redacted] with him.

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HERBERT stated they were given seven tickets, one for [redacted] one for the [redacted] one for [redacted] one for [redacted] (phonetic) and two others which they (apparently [redacted] and HERBERT) should keep.

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It was indicated [redacted] and [redacted] (probably [redacted]) are to get five tickets for their group. HERBERT stated he and [redacted] should tell [redacted] that they have to give them tickets as that may be the only money they will get out of it.

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Chicago airtel to the Director dated 4/12/66, with copies to Atlanta, Los Angeles, Louisville, New York and Washington Field, captioned "MICHAEL DE FREITAS, aka, IS - TRINIDAD; ROOPNARAYAN SAWH. IS - BRITISH GUIANA."

WIRG: [redacted]

[redacted] Extra copies of instant communication are being forwarded to the Bureau for transmission to Legat, London, so that office can be alerted [redacted]

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Chicago remains alert for further information in this regard.

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Nation of Islam

Herbert Muhammad and John Ali, national leaders of the Nation of Islam, contemplate travel to London, England, via air, to attend a scheduled heavyweight title fight between Cassius Clay, a member of the Nation of Islam, under the name Muhammad Ali, and Henry Cooper on May 21, 1966, in London.

Herbert Muhammad contemplates travel to Cairo, Egypt, after the fight for the purpose of obtaining an Egyptian correspondent to present the viewpoints of Elijah Muhammad, the leader of the Nation of Islam, in Egypt. Herbert Muhammad claims United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser would approve of this.

It is possible Cassius Clay will accompany Herbert Muhammad to Cairo, Egypt.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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100-35635

Chicago, Illinois  
April 27, 1966

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NATION OF ISLAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - NATION  
OF ISLAM

The Nation of Islam is characterized in later  
pages.

A confidential informant advised on April 26, 1966, that Herbert Muhammad and John Ali, in connection with the heavyweight championship fight between Cassius Clay and Henry Cooper scheduled to be held May 21, 1966, in London, England, have made arrangements to fly to London to attend same.

Herbert Muhammad contemplates travel to Cairo, Egypt, after the fight. Herbert claims he can get approval from the United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser to obtain an Egyptian correspondent for the purpose of presenting Elijah Muhammad's viewpoints in Egypt. It is possible that Cassius Clay will accompany Herbert on this trip.

This same source advised that Elijah Muhammad is the National Leader of the Nation of Islam and that Cassius Clay is a member of the Nation of Islam under the name Muhammad Ali.

A second confidential source advised in October, 1965, that Herbert Muhammad, one of Elijah Muhammad's sons, is Public Relations Director of the Nation of Islam and an executive with "Muhammad Speaks" newspaper, the official organ of the Nation of Islam; that Herbert Muhammad travels extensively on behalf of the Nation of Islam and influences what appears in "Muhammad Speaks."

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The same source continued that John Ali is the National Secretary of the Nation of Islam.

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NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly Referred  
to as the Muslim Cult of Islam,  
Aka. Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 7, 1965, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960 MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 3, 1965, a third source advised MUHAMMAD had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Chicago, Illinois  
April 27, 1966

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Title	NATION OF ISLAM
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - NATION OF ISLAM
Reference	Letterhead Memorandum dated and captioned as above at Chicago, Illinois.

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are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 10-1-66

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-1468) (C) *Downgraded to SECRET*  
*60324 00 BAW/SAB/ML*

SUBJECT: Cablegram From Peking, China  
To Negro Leaders, Harlem,  
New York City, August, 1966  
RACIAL MATTERS

Nation of Islam  
IS - NOI Classified by *Multiple Sources*  
Declassify on: *OADR 3-7-36*  
*26987L*

Black Nationalist Groups  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS

Re Bureau O-7 dated 9/23/66, transmitting to Chicago  
a communication

and Bureau O-7 dated 9/19/66  
titled "Black Nationalist Groups, Internal Security - Miscellaneous"  
transmitting to Chicago a copy of a [Naval Message titled  
"Intelligence Approach by British Subject"] *S-2(S)*

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(1 - 25-330971) (Nation of Islam)  
(1 - 100-436351) (CASSIUS CLAY)  
(1 - 105-24822) (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)  
(1 - 100-433324) (CHRISTINE JOHNSON)  
(1 - 105-54773) (HERBERT MUHAMMAD)  
(1 - 105- ) (CHICOM Intelligence Activities, U.S.)

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(1 - [REDACTED]) (HERBERT MUHAMMAD) b7D  
(1 - 100-31166) (CHRISTINE JOHNSON)  
(1 - 100-35295) (Nation of Islam)  
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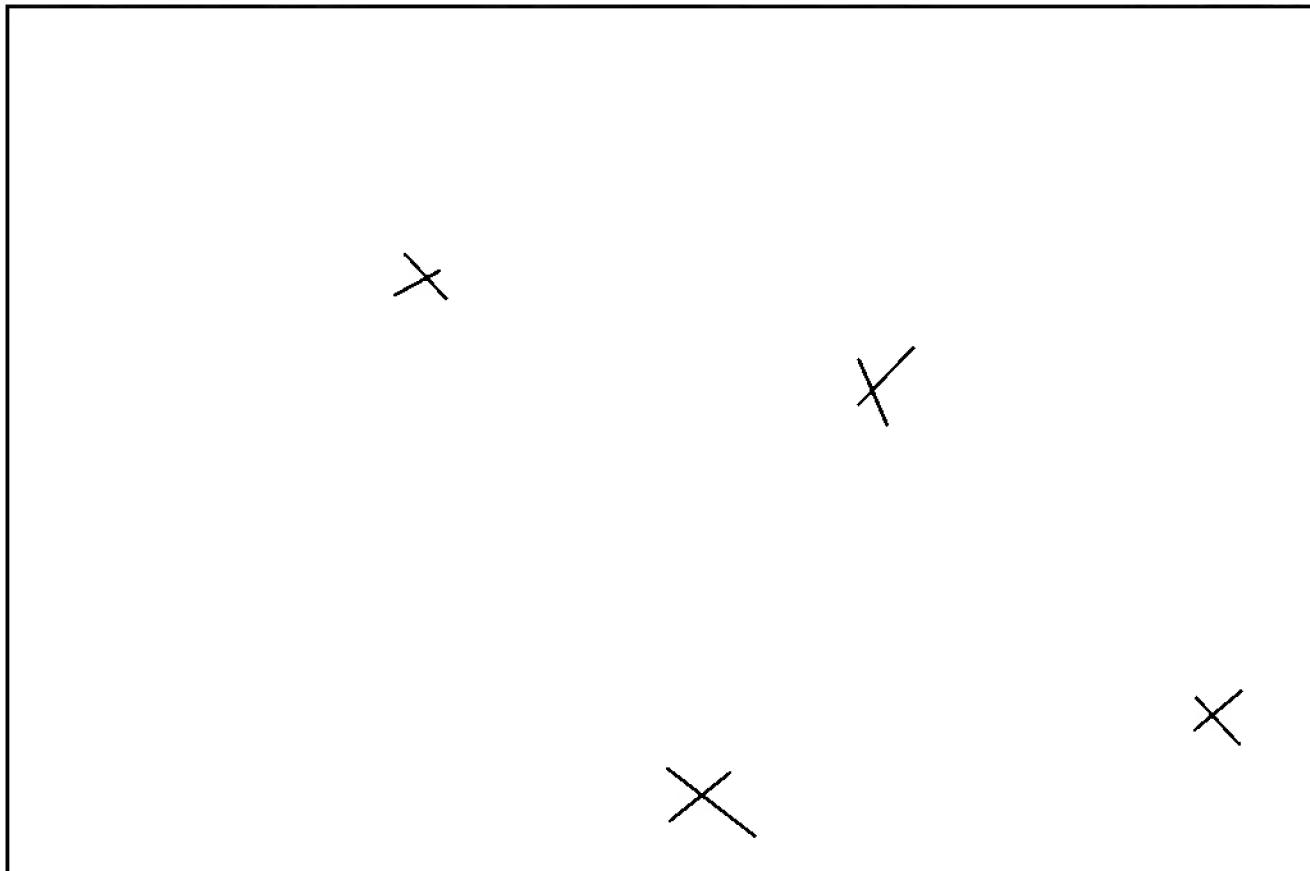
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Reference is made to report of SA JOSEPH R. SHEA titled "Nation of Islam, IS-NOI" dated June 7, 1966, at Chicago, page 2 and 3 wherein ELLIJAH MUHAMMAD is identified as the "Messenger of Allah" and leader of the NOI; and HERBERT MUHAMMAD is identified as one of MUHAMMAD's sons, a national leader of the NOI in that he is the Public Relations Director and is an executive in "Muhammad Speaks" the official organ of the NOI, and exerts considerable influence over articles appearing therein.

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It is to be noted "Muhammad Speaks" (MS) is self-described as published weekly by Muhammad's Mosque No. 2, at 634 East 79th Street, Chicago.

[redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 30, 1966, "Muhammad Speaks" continues to receive article dealing with activities of the People's Republic of China from that country and some are carried in "M.S." He advised such a communication as referenced to above, was received by "M.S." and was carried in a recent issue of "M.S." (Refer to "M.S.", Vol. 5, No. 48, dated August 19, 1966, page 2, titled "Chinese Voice Sympathy for Negro Struggle; Say West to be Defeated". This has been furnished the Bureau). Source added he knew HERBERT MUHAMMAD received a message from ROBERT F. WILLIAMS in August, 1966, but was certain MUHAMMAD had not answered since. Source continued Red China continues to send communications periodically to all of the Negro news media in the United States. (In effect this is the same data as reported in NOI Report of December 3, 1965 - see below.) Source added he knew of no other connections between the NOI and Red China.

Previous information concerning past involvements between the NOI and ROBERT F. WILLIAMS and the Peoples Republic of China is set forth in the following reports by SA SHEA "Nation of Islam, IS-NOI" and dated as shown below at Chicago:

November 20, 1964, pages 175-178

In effect, this shows "M.S." published articles by ROBERT F. WILLIAMS about China and an interview by him of MAO TSE-TUNG; contacts by WILLIAMS with HERBERT MUHAMMAD; and the fact Chicago NOI sources report they knew of no contact between NOI officials and China and that pro-Chinese articles appearing in "M.S." probably came about because the NOI would consider the Chinese people as "brothers" as they are non-Caucasian.

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May 28, 1965, pages 134-139

In effect, this reflects "M.S." carried articles about the activities of ROBERT F. WILLIAMS in China and Cuba; that HERBERT MUHAMMAD stated he is still receiving mail from China; and that "M.S." is considered a "Black Nationalist information and activity center" in America.

December 3, 1965, pages 149-150; 152-153

In effect, this reflects HERBERT MUHAMMAD continues to receive communication from ROBERT WILLIAMS in Cuba and they would appear in "M.S."; that "M.S." in its various issues has carried articles dealing with activities of the Peoples Republic of China and some are forwarded through the mails to the Negro newspaper media, including "M.S.", throughout the United States.

June 7, 1966, page 46

In effect, this reflects "M.S." has a policy of keeping its readers informed of important current issues and would, therefore present stories on China covering geographic facts and advances in science and other fields to show what a former enslaved people could do on a theory advanced by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD of "doing something for self".

Referenced communication dated September 19, 1966 (classified ~~Secret~~) reflected one [ ] advised U.S. officials he could provide contact with one [ ] described by him as a former Secretary to KWAME NKRUMAH, Deposed President of GHANA, who would be able to provide information regarding financial support given by the Black Muslims in the U.S. to further NKRUMAH's goal of a United Africa; that [ ] suggested the Black Muslims were selling secrets to Communist China in return for monetary gains and a portion of the money was contributed to NKRUMAH. Of note regarding [ ] was the fact he claims to have been intimate with [ ] and an evaluation noted he may have been seeking funds to return to Ghana. S2 (S)

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[redacted] advised on September 30, 1966, he has absolutely no information which would indicate the NOI is giving financial support to KWAME NKRUMAH of Ghana or is selling secrets to Red China in return for monetary gains and then giving a portion of the money to MUHAMMAD. He added he has absolutely no inkling of any rapport between NOI officials and Red China, other than that shown above, or NKRUMAH. He stated that if this is taking place, it certainly is one of the best kept secrets in history and he thoroughly doubts the allegations. He added further ELIJAH MUHAMMAD would be extremely happy if he knew he was being accused of such activities. ~~(S)~~

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Previous information concerning past contacts between NOI officials and KWAME NKRUMAH is set forth in the following reports by SA SHEA titled "NOI, IS-NOI", and dated as shown below at Chicago: ~~(S)~~

November 20, 1964, pages 178-181

In effect, this reflects the Editor of the "Ghanian Times" and the Information Chief of Ghana had met with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and CHRISTINE JOHNSON, Principal of the U. of Islam No. 2, and that the Editor commented Red China's denial of recognition by some Western Nations and denial of admittance to the UN was foolish that KWAME NKRUMAH had received CASSIUS CLAY and HERBERT MUHAMMAD at the official Ghanese residence warmly; that CASSIUS CLAY in visiting Ghana, had given credit for his chance to come to Africa to ELIJAH MUHAMMAD at every opportunity.

December 3, 1965, page 155

In effect, it stated the President of Ghana had sent greetings to ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

For information of the Bureau, MARY CHRISTINE JOHNSON was Director or Principal of the University of Islam, No. 2, Chicago, from approximately February, 1961, to August, 1965, at

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which time she was relieved of her position being charged a hypocrite in that she fought with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

Reference is made to the following report titled "MARY CHRISTINE JOHNSON" dated at Chicago as follows:

June 21, 1962, page 81

In effect, she stated she has been a personal friend of KWAME NKRUMAH since 1935, when they met in New York City; that she travelled to Africa, including Ghana, and Russia in 1960.

July 3, 1963, page 58-63

In effect, she travelled to Ghana in 1962.

April 14, 1966, page 3

In effect, she travelled to Ghana.

The above is set forth regarding the NOI and CHRISTINE JOHNSON for purposes of showing how CHANNELS could easily have been able to allege the NOI was tied in with NKRUMAH and Red China. CLAY's visit to Ghana was well publicized. JOHNSON's visits were also publicized. In addition, she wrote an article for a Ghana paper upon having one of these visits. It would be easy to infer from this, CLAY and JOHNSON were envoys for ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and rapport was established. (X)

As is noted, all of the above data with the exception of the current informant contact has been previously disseminated. Pertinent data in this letter will be included in the next Semi-Annual Report on the NOI which is due in December, 1966.

~~(X)~~ Such data will be forwarded the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

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